

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/18/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 55-59.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

This action is in response to the amendment filed May 18, 2007. Claims 55-57 have been amended. Claims 58 and 59 are newly submitted. All of the amendments have been thoroughly reviewed and entered. The previous rejections in the Office action mailed on 3/22/2007 are withdrawn in view of the amendments.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence S. Graham on July 19, 2007.

The claims have been amended as follows:

In claim 55, --decellularized-- was inserted before "tissue matrix" in line 5.

In claim 56, --decellularized-- was inserted before "tissue matrix" in line 2.

In claim 57, --decellularized-- was inserted before "tissue matrix" in line 2.

In claim 58, --decellularized-- was inserted before "tissue matrix" in line 1.

In claim 59, --decellularized-- was inserted before "tissue matrix" in line 1.

Conclusion

Claims 55-59 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Q. Janice Li** whose telephone number is 571-272-0730. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except every other Wednesday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Joseph Weitach** can be reached on 571-272-0739. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are **571-273-8300**.

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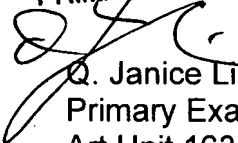
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